October is National Youth Substance Prevention Month

What Parent's Need to Know About Child Online Safety:

Online Predators, Hidden Apps, and Drug Dealing

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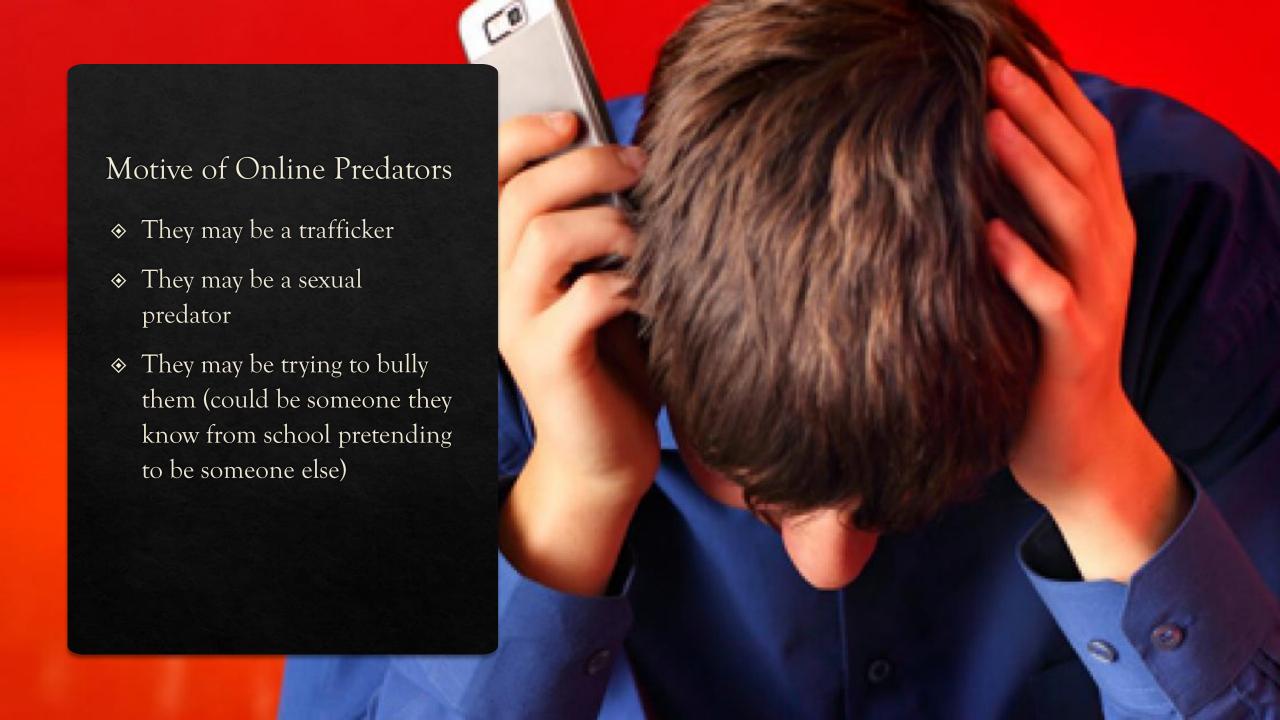Healthy Cattaraugus County
a drug free coalition

What Online Predators Do…

- Target vulnerable youth by manipulating them (any child is vulnerable, but they will look for those that show signs on social media of problems at home, with friends, self-esteem issues, etc.)

- Pretend to be their friend and offer advice

- Turn the child against their parents

- Groom and seduce them

- Manipulate the child into doing things such as taking risky photos

- Once the predator has those photos, they can use them to blackmail the child to get them to do what they want

- Get the child to provide other personal information or lure them from their home

Motive of Online Predators

- They may be a trafficker

- They may be a sexual predator

- They may be trying to bully them (could be someone they know from school pretending to be someone else)

What Can Parents Do to Protect Their Children?

- Help them to feel comfortable to talk with you when they have a problem

- Limit their screen time

- Monitor what they do on the Internet

- Know their passwords to their social media accounts

- Utilize parental controls

Establish Internet Safety Rules:

- Never give out personal information such as where you live

- Never go to someone that they met online

- Don't send photos of themselves

- Don't use private chat rooms

Drug Dealers on Social Media

Parents, did you know that people are dealing drugs out in the open on social media or through text messages? Be on the lookout for your child using any of these emojis...

WATCH THIS NEWS VIDEO:

https://www.news4jax.com/news/national/2021/12/23/decoding-emojis-being-used-to-sell-deadly-drugs-to-young-people/

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

ONE PILL CAN KILL

EMOJI DRUG CODE | DECODED

COMMON EMOJI CODES

FAKE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

PERCOCET & OXYCODONE

XANAX

ADDERALL

DEALER SIGNALS

DEALER ADVERTISING

HIGH POTENCY

UNIVERSAL FOR DRUGS

LARGE BATCH

OTHER DRUGS

METH

HEROIN

COCAINE

MDMA & MOLLIES

MUSHROOMS

COUGH SYRUP

MARIJUANA

What Are Decoy Apps?

- Apps that are available for both iPhones and Androids

- They require a password to gain access to the app once it is installed

- On the surface they look like something else (for example a calculator)

- Very problematic for parents because teens can keep dangerous content from parents such as photos and messages

Popular Decoy Apps

◈ <u>Photo Album Vault</u>: Appears as a screen lock but directly captures pics and stores on the Cloud

◈ <u>Secret Calculator App</u>: Hides photos and videos behind a calculator

◈ <u>KeepSafe Photo Vault</u>: Fingerprint ID to unlock; stored photos are encrypted

◈ <u>Vault</u>: Looks like a camera but when unauthorized users accesses it, will take a photo of them (hides call logs, personal photos, contact lists)

◈ <u>Gallery Vault</u>: Can create a fake pin and content to fool people, shaking phone will close the app

◈ <u>Double App</u>: Not only hides messages, videos, and photos but it can also hide other apps within it

Install a Parental Controls App

With a Parental Controls App you can do the following:

⬥ Monitor for bullying and predators

⬥ Manage screentime and create schedules

⬥ Filter websites and block certain sites or categories

⬥ Receive location alerts when your child leaves a certain place

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